

FEVER BAN OFF AT ALEXANDRIA

Epidemic Checked, Council Is Told, and Further Precautions Held Needless.

Alexandria, Va., June 8.—The ban placed on public schools, Sunday schools and places of amusement by the health committee of the city council, owing to an alleged epidemic of scarlet fever, was lifted tonight by the committee after hearing the testimony of a number of physicians. Their testimony was to the effect that no new cases had been reported since last Saturday, when the health committee met a number of physicians of the city.

The public schools of the city will, therefore, reopen for studies Monday morning and the children will at once begin the work of preparing for their examinations.

The Sunday schools, which were closed for the first time in many years last Sunday, will be able to reopen.

Inasmuch as the motion picture establishments were opened Tuesday night before the embargo was lifted, the committee did not make any mention of such places in making its recommendation.

This committee put the lid down last Friday night, although the moving picture people were allowed to operate that night. The schools have, therefore, been closed for studies since Monday.

The committee went into an exhaustive investigation, and it was after 11 o'clock before it reached its decision.

Attending the meeting were all of the members of the committee, including Councilman A. D. Brockett, Councilman C. S. Taylor Burke, secretary; Councilman Clinton S. Ballenger and Maurice L. Robinson.

Four students at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia received diplomas of graduation at the ninety-third annual commencement exercises of that institution held at 10 o'clock this morning in the chapel at that institution. They are as follows: Clarence E. Buxton, William H. Geiger Irwin, Franklin Thorpe Osborn, and Benjamin Janney Rudderow, Jr.

Bishop Gibson, who presided over the exercises, announced the advancement of the junior and middle classes of this year, to the middle and senior classes of the next session.

Certificates were presented to the following special students who took courses in the English department: Joseph Nicholas Bynum, Franklin George Faber, Howard S. Hartzell, George Franklin Hill, Lenoir Valentine Lee, Edward W. Winborn Mellichamp, Thomas Gustaf Mundy, William Preston Peyton, George Charles Shears, Herbert Huldred Young.

Clarence E. Buxton and Franklin Thorpe Osborn were recommended to the board of trustees for the degree of bachelor of divinity.

This will be conferred on them after their ordination to the priesthood and on writing an approved thesis.

The degree of bachelor of divinity was conferred on the Rev. Robert Kell, of East Liverpool, Ohio, and on the Rev. Richard Roscoe Phelps, B. A., of Newport Parish, Smithfield, Va.

The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on the Rev. Angus Crawford, M. A., dean of the seminary, and on the Rev. Edward T. Helfenstein, archdeacon of Annapolis and pastor of St. John's Church, Elliott City, Md.

Rev. Nelson P. Dame delivered the address to the graduating class. The annual meeting of the alumni of the seminary was held immediately following the commencement exercises. The Rev. H. McKim, D. D., rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, who took

his theme "The Hugenots and their Influence in America." Several speeches were made at the alumni dinner. With ordination ceremonies at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning the exercises will be concluded.

Joseph Clark, indicted for shooting and killing his wife, Ella Clark, in the Corporation Court today entered a plea of guilty to murder in the first degree, on the advice of his counsel, Robinson Moore, C. C. Barley sentenced Clark to life imprisonment. Clark was immediately taken back to jail and within the next few days will be transferred to the penitentiary at Richmond.

Clark and his wife had been estranged for three years and on the afternoon of May 16, Mrs. Clark, who had been in Alexandria for several days, was at the home of Mrs. Ella Clark, 702 South Fairfax street, and Clark came to the home and made an ineffectual effort to have a reconciliation, and falling, he whipped out a revolver and fired four shots into his wife's body, all taking effect. She died the next afternoon at the Alexandria Hospital. Clark was captured by the police a few minutes after the shooting.

Arguments in the case of certain consumers against the Alexandria Water Company will be heard at 10 o'clock Friday morning in the Corporation Court room before Charles M. Brown, of Roanoke, Va., representing the State Corporation Commission.

Testimony in the case was heard some time ago in this city before Mr. Brown.

The arguments will be made on behalf of the consumers by Attorneys Howard W. Smith and Walter U. Varney, and Attorney Gardner L. Boothe will argue on behalf of the water company.

The consumer are seeking cheaper rates, better service and more pressure.

Eight years in the penitentiary was the verdict given by a jury in the Corporation Court today, with C. B. Swan as foreman, in the case of Robert Nichols, colored, indicted for burglarizing the residence of J. J. Hale, Duke street extended. The accused was represented by Attorneys Duffey and Richard, and Commonwealth's Attorney S. G. Brent, conducted the prosecution.

Mrs. Laura Agnew, widow of Park Agnew, died at 9 o'clock this morning at her home, 38 South Pitt street, after a comparatively short illness. Mrs. Agnew was one of Alexandria's oldest and best known residents.

She was the widow of Park Agnew, former chairman of the State Republican committee, as well as a daughter of the late Robert Bell.

Three daughters and one son survive as follows: Mrs. Walter G. Rogers, Mrs. Harry E. Demarest, Miss Mamie B. Agnew and John P. Agnew.

William Harper, a former resident of this city, died today at his home in Washington. Mr. Harper was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and several children.

The deceased was formerly manager of the opera house and was engaged at one time in the advertising business. His body was brought here tonight and taken to Wheatley's undertaking establishment and prepared for burial.

Miss Virginia H. Hurkamp, for the past eight years housekeeper at the Alexandria Hospital, died at 8:35 o'clock tonight at that institution. She had been ill but a week. The deceased was a native of Frederickburg, Va. It is expected that the body will be shipped to that city, although the funeral arrangements have not yet been made. She is survived by two brothers, William H. and Charles H. Hurkamp, of Frederickburg; and four sisters, Mrs. William J. Ford and Mrs. Anna Kelm, of Frederickburg; Mrs. Alice Warren, of Orange, Va., and Mrs. William McDonald, of Providence, R. I.

The funeral of John H. Broders will be held at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from Oliver P. E. Church, near Franconia, Fairfax County. Burial will be made in the family lot at Franconia.

Ferguson Beach Bryan, son of Capt. and Mrs. Albert Bryan, this city, who recently passed the mental examination for entrance to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, today passed the physical examination and entered as a midshipman.

Tupper Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, also of this city, left today for Annapolis, where he will also undergo the physical examination, having already passed the required mental test.

Funeral services for Thomas Luther Finks were held this afternoon at his late home, 1365 King street, and conducted by Rev. J. W. Duffey, D. D., pastor of the M. E. Church South; Rev. Eugene C. Jackson, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. O. W. Triplett, pastor of the Second Baptist Church. Members of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons and Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows attended.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington today to John T. Sweeney, this city, and Miss Eva B. Marmaduke, of Washington, and to William Lewis and Miss Catherine Dean, both of Alexandria.

Arthur Herbert, Jr., of this city, has been elected treasurer of the Episcopal Theological Seminary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Julian T. Burke.

In the Circuit Court in vacation today the will of Thomas Blair was admitted to probate. Testator leaves a house, 123 North Henry street, to his widow, Cecelia Blair, and another house, at North Henry street, to Virgie Blair John D. Normoyle qualified as executor.

The Wicked Witch of the Gingerbread House did not notice that Puss Junior and his friend the Owl were talking together. Indeed, she was busy making bread. Presently, she called to Gretel to see if the oven was hot enough.

"I don't know, ma'am," said the little girl, crying, for she feared the Witch. "Let me see, said the old woman, and she leaned over and peeped in. "Quick!" cried Puss Junior, jumping up from the table, "shove her in!" And before I've time to tell it, Gretel and Puss pushed the Witch into the great oven and slammed the door. In another moment they both ran quickly from the house, followed by the little Owl. On reaching the stable, they broke open the door and freed Hansel. "Oh, thank you, cried the children, turning to Puss, "we must hurry home, for father and mother must be worried about us; we have been here so long."

"Follow the little pebbles in the path," said Puss.

"I dropped them on my way here," replied Hansel, "so as to know the way home."

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